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1. HERewith FULL TEXT OF "PEOPLE'S DAILY" MARCH 27 ARTICLE
ON WHICH REUTERS DISPATCH BASED.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. STRUGGLE TO THE END AGAINST ALL WHO
OPPOSE SOCIALISM

TACHAI BRIGADE PARTY BRANCH

HAVING READ THE "PEOPLE'S DAILY" ARTICLE CRITICIZING
THE SHANSI OPERA "THRICE ASCENDING PEACH MOUNTAIN" (TAPM), WE
POOR AND LOWER MIDDLE PEASANTS OF TACHAI ARE IN COMPLETE
AGREEMENT. "TAPM", IN PLOTTING TO REVIVE THE "PEACH
ORCHARD EXPERIENCE", USING THE REACTIONARY "PEACH ORCHARD
SPIRIT" TO OPPOSE CHAIRMAN MAO'S GREAT CALL " IN AGRICULTURE,
STUDY TACHAI," AND REVERSING THE VERDICT ON LIU SHAO-CHI
AND LIN PIAO'S ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY REVISIONIST LINE,
TRULY IS THE ULTIMATE WICKEDNESS.

3. AT THE MENTION OF "PEACH ORCHARD EXPERIENCE", WE
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POOR AND LOWER MIDDLE PEASANTS OF TACHAI ALL GNASH

OUR TEETH. TACHAI BRIGADE, FROM ITS FORMATION IN 1953, RESOLUTELY FOLLOWED THE SOCIALIST ROAD, PERSEVERED IN THE CLASS STRUGGLE AND THE STRUGGLE OF THE LINES, STAUNCHLY FOLLOWED THE POLICY OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND BITTER STRUGGLE, AND IN 1962 VICTORIOUSLY FULFILLED THE TEN-YEAR PLAN FOR CREATING NEW AGRICULTURAL LAND. OUR COLLECTIVE ECONOMY GREW STRONGER AND STRONGER. IN 1963 USING OUR OWN RESOURCES, WE VICTORIOUSLY OVERCAME A SERIOUS FLOOD, AND IN 1964 GRAIN PRODUCTION "SPANNED THE YANGTZE." IN THAT YEAR, CHAIRMAN MAO ISSUED HIS GREAT CALL, "IN AGRICULTURE, STUDY TACHAI," SHOWING CHINA'S SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION AGRICULTURAL WORKERS THE DIRECTION OF PROGRESS, AND GIVING THE GREATEST SIGN OF CONCERN AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO US POOR AND LOWER MIDDLE PEASANTS OF TACHAI. WE RESOLVED TO MAKE NEW CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SOCIALIST REVOLUTION. THE RENEGADE, TRAITOR AND SCAB LIU SHAO-CHI WANTED WITH ALL HIS HEART TO RESTORE CAPITALISM. REGARDING TACHAI AS A THORN IN HIS FLESH, HE SENT HIS OLD LADY WANG KUANG-MEI SCURRYING OFF TO PEACH ORCHARD BRIGADE IN HOPEI PROVINCE'S FUNING COUNTY TO COOK UP, SUPPOSEDLY IN THE NAME OF THE "FOUR CLEAN" RECTIFICATION CAMPAIGN BUT REALLY TO RESTORE CAPITALISM, A "PEACH ORCHARD EXPERIENCE" ("POE") OPPOSING CHAIRMAN MAO'S REVOLUTIONARY LINE. AT THE INSTIGATION OF LIU SHAO-CHI, THERE APPEARED AN ILL WIND OF OPPOSITION TO THE "STUDY TACHAI" CALL. SOME PEOPLE CLAMORED, "THE MORE PROGRESSIVE A THING MAY BE THE MORE SUSPICIOUS IT IS," "WE MUST DIG OUT THE WORMS FROM THE TACHAI FLAGPOLE," AND SO ON. THEY RAN UP TO TACHAI AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "PEACH ORCHARD EXPERIENCE," TURNED BLACK INTO WHITE, AND PERSECUTED THE BROAD MASSES OF CADRES AND POOR AND LOWER MIDDLE PEASANTS IN TACHAI. THEY PLOTTED TO FORCE FROM THE STAGE THE CADRES WHO HAD TAKEN THE LEAD IN FOLLOWING THE SOCIALIST ROAD, LET FREAKS AND MONSTERS TAKE POWER, AND RESTORE CAPITALISM. THEY FIRMLY DESIRED TO CUT DOWN THE RED FLAG OF TACHAI AND SET UP THE BLACK FLAG OF THE "POE".

4. DURING THAT STRUGGLE OVER REINSTATING CAPITALISM, WE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS AND POOR AND LOWER MIDDLE PEASANTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF TACHAI DID NOT THINK ABOUT INDIVIDUAL SAFETY OR DANGER, BUT RATHER WHETHER OR NOT WE WANTED TO PERSIST IN OUR SOCIALIST ORIENTATION, AND WHETHER OR NOT WE WANTED TO SAFEGUARD CHAIRMAN MAO'S REVOLUTIONARY LINE. WHOEVER YOU ARE, HOWEVER HIGH AN OFFICIAL YOU MIGHT BE, IF YOU DON'T CONFORM TO MAO TSE-TUNG THOUGHT, IF YOU DON'T ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAIRMAN MAO'S REVOLUTIONARY LINE, THEN WE FIRMLY OPPOSE YOU AND STRUGGLE WITH YOU

FIERCELY. AT MEETINGS, PEOPLE WOULD WRITE ON BLACKBOARDS
THE PHRASE, "POE." OUR BRIGADE'S "IRON GIRLS"
WOULD RUSH UP AND ERASE IT, AND WRITE INSTEAD THE
FOLLOWING QUOTATION FROM CHAIRMAN MAO: "THE CORE STRENGTH
WHICH LEADS OUR CAUSE IS THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.
THE THEORETICAL BASE WHICH DIRECTS OUR THINKING IS
MARXISM - LENINISM." THE VETERAN POOR PEASANT CHIA
CHEN-LU TOOK THE LEAD IN PULLING OUT OF THE MEETINGS TO
POPULARIZE THE "POE." PEOPLE THREATENED HIM BY SAYING:
"ANYONE WHO FLIES IN THE FACE OF THE "POE" IS A COUNTER-
REVOLUTIONARY*" "CHIA CHEN-LU" DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO TURN
AROUND, BUT SPOKE OUT INDIGNANTLY: "WHAT IS REVOLUTIONARY
YOU CANNOT ACCUSE OF BEING COUNTERREVOLUTION." IN THIS
WAY HE BROKE UP THEIR SINISTER MEETINGS TO TRY AND PUSH
THROUGH THE "POE."

5. PRECISELY AT THIS TIME OF BITTER STRUGGLE
OVER RESTORING CAPITALISM, CHAIRMAN MAO PERSONALLY
WROTE

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